

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Decor.

Mrs. Dana Hill has an uncle from Chicago, visiting her.

J. G. Parkhurst returned from his Dakota trip last Friday.

N. B. McKinney has moved into Mrs. Hinkley's house on Delaware street.

A. N. Alcott delivered a temperance lecture at the town hall last Monday evening.

Wm. Poppendick and George Roberts are each building a barn on their lots on Delaware street.

L. A. Roberts and family returned from their visit in Detroit and at Gull Lake on Saturday last.

James Potts' wife and children returned from their visit in Canada last Saturday, and Jan smiles once more.

Mrs. H. R. O'Dell stopped at her son Barney's on her return from Niles where she had been visiting friends.

C. Schuster and his wife, together with a number of friends from Kalamazoo, spent Sunday last at Sister Lakes.

Walter Russell's sister and sister-in-law, who have been visiting at his house for some time past, returned to their homes in Kalamazoo on Saturday last.

There will be a national greenback labor caucus at the town hall on Saturday evening next, at seven o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to be held at Lawrence on Friday, the 13th inst.

### Lawrence.

The roller skates rolled once again, at the opera house, last Saturday evening.

Thos. Crippen is in very poor health with little if any prospect of improvement.

H. E. Rowland has gone to Chicago to procure new machinery for his planing mill.

The band boys gave a dancing party at the opera house on Thursday evening last.

Frank Phillips has just completed the burning of his first kiln of about 50,000 brick.

John Avery has so far recovered from his recent attack of paralysis as to be able to be out again.

Everybody and his wife attended the union Sunday school picnic at Christie's Lake last Thursday. A big crowd and a good time.

The bottom "fell out" of Dr. Haskin's well the other day and now Oscar Sweet is putting down a new drive well for him. A number of wells in this vicinity have "gone dry".

A fine rain last Sunday. We don't profess to understand the theory of the United Brethren on the subject of baptism, but at their grove meeting a mile north of town, they practiced a general sprinkling, pouring and soaking, and finally adjourned to the church to dry off.

### Prospect Lake.

A. Bryant has a Duke of Perche colt.

James Lowry drives a brand new horse and buggy just imported from Chicago.

Remember boys, if your names get into the papers it will be because you agreed it should be so.

Mrs. E. Jennings of Waverly, and Mrs. H. Jennings of Antwerp, visited at Elmore Northrup's last week.

Miss Susie Reddo of Maywood Ill., who has been visiting her cousin Hattie Abrams, has been called home by the death of her father who was killed by an accident while in the shop at work.

Our picnic was a grand success. Music by Lawrence Cornet band. The orator, Rev. Geo. L. Cole of St. Joseph, seemed to please everybody. The day was pleasant and cool enough, the only drawback being that the supply of water failed for a short time and people became like ravening wolves. Branch and Jacobs furnished one of their Earhuff parlor organs, with a combination lock, burglar proof and mouse tight, pronounced by competent judges to be a good organ. Many thanks to all who helped to make the day so pleasant. The profits from sale of goods at the stand was \$12.77.

### BARNES DISTRICT.

Mr. Plopper lost one of his horses one day last week.

The county grange will be held with Porter grange, August 12th, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

The school board is putting a new blackboard in the school house, a much needed improvement.

Geo. Conklin is reshingling one of his barns. Wilber Drake has reshingled the wing of his house.

While returning from the picnic at Christie's lake, Mrs. Garrod was taken very ill, but is now convalescent.

Newton Eastman has a new windmill and is building a new wing to his house. He will move the west wing back and use it for a shop.

Amasa Heath came very near having a blaze from fires set by Mr. Jones while clearing land. People cannot be too careful about setting fires in a dry time.

Threshing is progressing in good earnest. Wheat averages from fifteen to twenty-five bushels per acre. One field is reported as high as forty-four bushels per acre.

Corn and beans are booming. The heavy rains of the 26th ult. and of August 1st wreathed the farmers' faces in smiles. Oats and potatoes have suffered from drought more than other crops. Apples bid fair for an abundant yield.

At the last meeting of the Farmers' Club, the following officers were elected: E. Drake, pres.; Mr. Plopper, vice pres.; Myrtle Daughman, sec.; Bert Barnes, treas. The club voted to have a blackberrying excursion and a picnic in the near future.

The grange meeting last Saturday was a very interesting one. The exercises consisted of a paper by Mrs. A. U. Barnes, an essay by Mrs. Isaac Monroe, subject, "Home," followed by discussion, and a paper by A. U. Barnes on "Farming." The essayist brought out some good points, one being, "Are farmers successful? If not, why not?" "The past, present and future of the American farmer" will be debated at the next meeting. Mr. W. W. Bass to open the discussion.

### Porter.

The work of graveling our sand roads has been resumed.

The Misses Mergenthaler have friends from Kalamazoo visiting them.

Mrs. Caroline Love is home from the west, her husband having recently died.

Miss Nettie Norton of Schoolcraft, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. K. Rice.

Mr. John Marshall has begun to "paint the town red" having so treated his barns.

Messrs. Ryder and Maxam have secured the job of grading the two hills near Mr. Clemens'.

D. C. Van Antwerp will secure drinks for himself and stock by means of a new Eureka windmill.

Mr. Wm. Cooper has his farmhouse so nearly completed that himself and family are living in it.

A good crop of oats has been harvested in Porter this year and the threshers are now getting in their work.

Mr. Timothy Wyman, though a sober man and not quarrelsome, is having quite a serious time with one of his eyes.

A large number of the farmers of Porter attended the picnic at Four Mile Lake on Thursday last, and all report a pleasant day, visiting, bunting and eating.

Porter was represented at the general encampment of the state militia at Camp Alger, by Mr. George Hathaway. He is a member of Company C, 2d Regiment, organized at Kalamazoo.

The population of Porter has recently been increased by the appearance of two little girls, one at the residence of Warren Wood and one at John Marshall's. Both are said to be just too cute for anything, but we shall withhold our judgment for sixteen or eighteen years.

One of the most enjoyable society events of the season occurred on Wednesday evening of last week, when about seventy-five of the young friends and neighbors of Miss May Chamberlain assembled at her beautiful home and gave her a genuine birthday surprise party. The Lawton band was present and discoursed some fine music. Mr. Geo. Cornish, in behalf of her friends, presented Miss May with a willow rocking chair. After partaking of an elegant supper, the guests dispersed, wishing their fair hostess many happy returns of her birthday.

### Lawton.

Winnie Simmons of Hammond, Ind., was in town the other day to see his girl.

The band boys took in about eight dollars at the social at Smith's hall, Saturday evening.

Mr. Hayden is painting the residence of Mrs. Tobias in the south-eastern part of the village.

The M. E. society gave a social Tuesday evening at the residence of George Weldin, in Porter.

Casper Buechner has removed his lumber yard from the furnace grounds to the ground east of the freight house.

O. J. Williams, who has been recuperating in New York state, has returned and is again attending to his blacksmith business.

The picnic of the M. E. and Baptist Sunday schools at Four Mile Lake was a grand affair and well attended. The following day the Porter people had an enjoyable time all by themselves.

Last week Tuesday John McElheney's dog attempted to clinch his teeth into the wheel of a moving freight and came out minus one leg. Had the wheel passed over his tail just behind his ears it would have saved the trouble of killing him.

We have received a copy of the *Michigan Tradesman*, in which an entire page is devoted to a discussion of the ice cream poisoning which occurred here not long since. It contains interesting letters from Dr. R. C. Moffitt and J. W. Johnson.

M. H. Smith has taken down most of the bill-boards which were put up a short time ago, leaving a section on the corner; this was torn down and some of the lumber destroyed, the other night, by some unknown parties. If they are found out they will get what they deserve.

He went to bed early but he was restless and his sleep was broken. Every now and then he would start up with, "Aint they Jim Dandies? Three straight-I'll bet" etc. with an underhand motion which sent the bed clothes flying and which would have put Getzlen to the blush. He finally settled down into a quiet and peaceful snooze.

Mrs. Wright of this place, who has been spending the summer with her son Adelbert Wright at Battle Creek, and who has been in poor health for some time, died very suddenly at that place on Wednesday evening, of paralysis of the heart. The remains were brought here for burial. Mrs. Wright was an aunt of our townsman J. D. Tillou, and a lady much respected.

Last Wednesday a game of ball was played on the green, between the Lawton business men and the Lawton Duffers. The attendance was very light, not more than five hundred passing the turnstile; the day was a red hot one. Nearly everyone had a hand in the umpiring, the players assisting all they could, which was not a little. The Duffers made six scores the first innings and the business men looked down in the month; they soon commenced to rally, however, and the game went on smoothly, scarcely any one on either side making a noise. In the sixth inning the Duffers, who were a trifle in the lead, became terribly frightened and concluded to quit while their record was good; consequently the game was forfeited to the business men by a score of 9 to 0. The features of the game were the kicking on both sides, the magnificent work of the second catcher and the decisions of the umpire.

### Mattawan.

Mr. B. Wheeler has purchased a farm just south of town.

Mr. C. Bonney ships, on an average, two carloads of hops per week.

Mr. Chas. Mills, son of F. Mills, is home from the north on a visit to friends.

Mr. Joseph Labadie has begun operations on his cider press. Squeeze 'em, Joseph—the worms, we mean.

Miss Emma Norton has taken the school at Dist. No. 7, Texas, Kalamazoo County. We wish her success.

Griffith had a runaway last Saturday resulting in an excited crowd and a broken wagon. No one hurt.

The Lawton kids failed to show up for that long-talked-of game of ball. Guess their colors are beginning to fade.

Will some generous, kind-hearted friend take up a subscription to furnish the M. E. Church with a new choir? Pass the hat.

We understand that some vagrant broke into Mr. Elaners' grist mill and carried away the entire stock—in his hat. Such pests should be exterminated.

Picnics are all the rage. The G. A. R. picnic at Pretty Lake was a grand success. Boat-riding, hammock-swinging, bathing and a generous dinner served to make the day an enjoyable one. The Harwick Sunday school had a picnic on the 4th inst.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Byron of Kalamazoo, was held at the M. E. Church on Friday, the 30th ult. A large procession of sorrowing friends and relatives followed her remains to their last resting place. She had been married but a short time, and the bereaved husband has the sympathy of the entire community.

Doc Bartram, Geo. Breck and Will Selick left New York last Saturday morning on the steamer Devon.

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